House Resolution No. 4278

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Dolly Barnes, a treasured resident of Long Lane, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on September 27, 2003, at the Long Lane Lions Club; and

Whereas, on October 4, 1908, in Montrose, South Dakota, God brought a special gift to William and Nettie Duffy with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Dolly, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Dolly Barnes had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her forty-seven and one-half year marriage to Elden Barnes (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Dolly Barnes with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include five children, Barbara Randall, Nancy Kaiser, Charles Barnes, and Lelan Barnes and Linda Deckard, both of whom are angels in heaven; twelve grandchildren; and twenty-two great-grandchildren, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into her life; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Dolly Barnes has further distinguished herself as a teacher in Iowa, Lone Lane, and various rural schools for eleven years; and as a member of the Friends and Neighbors Club, the Quilting Club, and the United Methodist Church in Buffalo; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 95, Dolly Barnes is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Dolly Barnes at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dolly Barnes, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4278, adopted September 29, 2003.